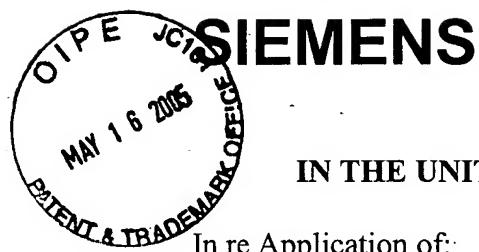


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor: T. Berndt et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
Serial No.: 10/667,266 ) Examiner: H Abramowitz  
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Title: METHOD FOR COATING A COMPONENT

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Sir:

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to accept the unintentionally delayed filing of priority claim after the required statutory time period

The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 was previously improperly submitted as part of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment mailed September 19, 2003, and is herein now revised and amended as follows:

--This application is the ~~US National Stage~~ continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP03/02977, filed March 21, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European application No.

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02008044.6 EP, filed April 10, 2002, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional. In particular, priority was inadvertently claimed as a US national stage application rather than as a US continuation application. Also, a certified copy of the priority document is enclosed herewith.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required surcharge fee for unintentionally delayed priority claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), as well as any other appropriate fees due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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